

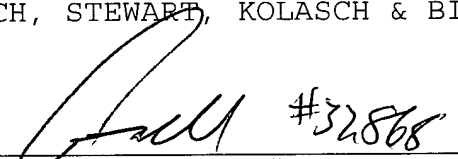
- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$324.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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For: EXTENDING THE LIFETIME OF ANTICOAGULANT
OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDE APTAMERS IN BLOOD

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 18, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition comprising:
a nucleic acid that binds to a blood clot or to a protein that is a component of a mammalian blood clotting cascade; and
a protein attached to said nucleic acid at either the 5' end or the 3' end or both wherein said protein is streptavidin or a variant of streptavidin that retains biotin binding activity.

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